

hunting. Mr. Schroepfer was dedicated to his Christian faith and family, and was planning his wedding with the love of his life, Suzy Solin, at his untimely passing.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today to recognize Mr. Schroepfer for his courageous action and ultimate sacrifice; we pray that in knowing of his heroic effort, his family may find comfort and peace.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on its 125th Anniversary. I appreciate the IBEW for the career they gave me and for their work supporting working men and women all across our nation.

The IBEW is as old as the commercial use of electricity itself. It is the oldest, as well as the largest, electrical union in the world and its history dates back to the 1890s.

With Edison's invention of the first commercially successful incandescent lamp in 1879 there was a great need for linemen to establish and maintain the cables that would soon crisscross and power the nation.

At first only a few intrepid electricians handled electricity, but soon many came forward, seeking a life's work. The men and women of IBEW have been working on electrical and telecommunication wires ever since.

While the IBEW grew alongside other unions protecting the rights of workers seeking a living wage, the IBEW also needed to protect workers from the dangers of the job.

Today, under the leadership of President Lonnie Stephenson, the IBEW represents hundreds of thousands of workers in a variety of areas of expertise all over the world.

I am eternally grateful to the IBEW for giving me a career that has supported me and my family for decades. I became an apprentice with the IBEW as a young man and have worked for the men and women of the IBEW all my life, before coming to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, for me the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers represents the greatest aspirations of labor unions and I am proud as the only member of their organization to serve in Congress, to join with the IBEW in celebrating their 125th Anniversary.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fresno City College on the occasion of the 100th year celebration ceremony for the restored Old Administration Building. The Old Administration Building is an icon in the land-

scape of Fresno, made even more special by the fact that it was once on the verge of demolition and saved by a strong effort of the local community.

The Old Administration Building was originally built in 1916 as the first permanent structure of the Fresno State Normal School Campus. The building is known for its rich brick surface and open air courtyards. Its beautiful decorative features include handmade hand-burned bricks, classic ornamentation at the entrances and geometric details in the brick on the east and west walls of the auditorium. In 1921, the school developed into Fresno State Teacher's College and eventually Fresno City College in 1956 when Fresno State moved to a new campus several miles north.

In 1974, the Old Administration Building was listed in the National Register of Historic places. Unfortunately, the beautiful building stood vacant for more than 30 years due to safety concerns and was boarded up and fenced off. After questions were raised on the possible future of the building, the local community and former students appealed for an effort to restore the prior prestige of the building. Today we are proud to say that we succeeded in our mission and are gathered to celebrate its 100th year.

Because of our community's strong desire in the restoration of the Old Administration Building, the project was very close to my heart. During my years in the California State Legislature I worked to raise awareness about this historic building and helped raise funds to restore its beauty. Fortunately, the funding for the restoration was made possible with the passage of Measure E in 2002. In 2007, the first phase of the reconstruction began, and the building underwent structural, mechanical and electrical improvements.

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the administration, staff, former and current students on the anniversary of the 100th year of this historic building. I am pleased to see the community come together to save the Old Administration Building from demolition and bringing it back to fully functional use at Fresno City College. On this day, I also want to commemorate the service of all the staff and faculty members who work hard to bring change in the society through education. I send my best wishes for many more years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF H.W. "SKIP" WIEDER, PAST WVIA BOARD CHAIRMAN, FORMER WVIA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor H.W. "Skip" Wieder, who will receive the Founder's Award from WVIA as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Public Service Media. Mr. Wieder has served WVIA as Chairman of the Board and Capital Campaign Co-Chair.

Mr. Wieder is a former resident of Plainfield, New Jersey. In 1958, Mr. Wieder received an undergraduate degree and Master of Business Administration from Bucknell University. After college, he served as a Captain in the Army Reserve at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mr. Wieder retired formally from the Geisinger Health System after serving as Senior Vice President and later as Senior Vice President Emeritus and Senior Consultant. During that time, he also served in a variety of additional positions such as Vice President for Development and Vice President for Development and Government Relations. Prior to joining Geisinger in 1985, he served as Vice President for Development and Finance at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove and held positions in finance, fundraising, and public relations at Washington & Jefferson College and Bucknell University.

Currently, Mr. Wieder serves as Founder and Chair of the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies, a group of six regional colleges and universities and environmental groups engaged in the Susquehanna River Watershed. He also serves on the board of the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds and The 1994 Charles B. Degenstein Foundation.

It is an honor to recognize Mr. Wieder for all of his accomplishments as he receives the Founder's Award. I appreciate all he has done in service to public broadcasting.

HONORING MICHELE CRAIG OF HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michele Prestera Craig and her 30 years of service to West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky as the executive director of the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission and Region 2 Planning and Development Council.

In 1986, Michele became the first woman to assume the command of KYOVA and Region 2 and has since built lasting relationships with local governments to promote the needs of rural and urban communities alike. Under her leadership, the West Virginia-Ohio-Kentucky region has been recognized as a transportation management area, allowing it to serve as an economic development district through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

A staunch supporter and advocate for her home of Huntington, her vision and experience have paved the way for a plethora of successful transportation and development projects for the tristate area.

I wish her well in the coming years as she is able to spend more time with her husband, Tom, and their children, Tommy, Taylor, Ellie and Michael, and their beloved granddaughters, Ramsey and Charlotte. I offer her my appreciation and gratitude for her commitment to her neighbors and our state.

MINNESOTA: A STATE OF INNOVATORS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the more than 40